Development of Park near the Taj Mahal

536. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Mnister of TOURISM be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 1833 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 11th March, 1988 and state:

(a) whether any indigenous consultancy has offered their services for development of park near the Taj Mahal; and

(b) if so, the steps, Government propose to take to have indigenous consultancy rather than foreign consultancy for the development of tourist spots in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Tourism have decided to seek the help of National Park Service U.S.A. to design a layout for the gardens outside the Taj Mahal, Agra. National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad and the Indian National Trust for Art & Cultural Heritage have been identified as Indian agencies who would collaborate with the National Park Service.

Mid-term appraisal and survey on Doordarshan coverage

537. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the mid-term appraisal and survey conducted by Government, it has been revealed that the Doordarshan will cover nearly 82 per cent of the country's population and will cover all district headquarters by the end of this plan;

(b) if so, by when the Doordarshan is expected to reach to cent per cent country's population; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to expedite the task?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) It is estimated that on completion of the schemes included in the Seventh Plan of Doordarshan, including those added at the stage of mid-term appraisal. TV service would be available to about 82.8 per cent population of the country, covering all the district headquarters towns

(b) and (c) Extension of TV service to the remaining uncovered parts of the country can be carried out in a phased manner depending upon the availability of resources in the future plans of TV expansion

I.T.D.C. hotels in foreign countries

538. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up I.T.D.C. hotels in the foreign countries in the near future;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the existing hotels of the ITDC in the foreign countries are providing better services to the customers; and

(d) if no, what steps Government propose to take to improve the performance of these hotels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) ITDC has signed memoranda of understanding with a company incorporated in the Federal Republic of Germany and one in Newzealand for setting up one joint venture hotel project each in their respective countries subject to feasibility of the project, their commercial viability and signing of collaboration agreements etc.

(c) and (d) Presently, ITDC has no hotel in foreign countries.

Treatment of Drought-Hit Migrants from Rajasthan as Bonded Labour

539. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of people from drought-hit Rajasthan have migrated to Delhi, Haryana and other neighbouring States for seeking a livelihood;

(b) whether some incidents of these people being treated as bonded labourers have come to Government's notice; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) A news item had appeared recently in the Press alleging that some labourers from Rajasthan were working in a brick-kiln in District Sonepat, Haryana, as bonded labour. However, as per the report furnished by the State Government, the workers were not under bondage, but there was some dispute about payments which has since been settled with the intervention of the State Government.

National Film Awards

540. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the National Film Awards announced in April this year; and

(b) what criteria were adopted in the matter of giving the awards?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) The details of the 35th National Film Awards announced in April '88 are as in the enclosed Statement. (*See* Appendix CXLVI, Annexure No. 21).

(b) These Awards aim at encouraging the production of films of aesthetic excellence and social relevance contributing to the understanding and appreciation of the film cultures of different regions of the country and promoting national integration and the unity of the country. The awards for Feature films, No feature films and Best Writing on Cinema are selected by three Selection Juries constituted for this purpose by the Government. These Juries consist of eminent non-official members from the field of cinema, art & culture and journalism. The Dada Saheb Phalke Award is given by the Govt. to a film personality for his/her outstanding contribution to the growth and ddevelopment Indian Cinema.

बेरोजगारों के लिए श्रम प्रधान औद्योगिक योजना का आरम्भ किया जाना

541. श्री रशीद मसूद :
श्री सुब्रह्मण्यन स्वामी :

क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 31 दिसम्बर, 1986 तथा 31 दिसम्बर, 1987 की स्थिति के अनुसार पृथक-पृथक रूप से, देश में विभिन्न रोजगार कार्यालयों में कितने बेरोजगार युवक पंजीकृत थे और 31 दिसम्बर, 1988 को सरकारी अनुमानों के अनसार इस प्रकार के युवकों की अनुमानित संख्या कितनी होगी ;

(ख) क्या सरकार बेरोजगार युवकों की लगातार बढ़ती हुई संख्या को ध्यान में रखते हुए देश में कोई नई श्रम प्रधान औद्योगिक योजना आरम्भ करने का विचार कर रही है; और